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Notice of Allowability <i>4/9/01</i>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	08/986,835	JURMAIN ET AL.
	Examiner Joe H. Cheng	Art Unit 3713

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 3/29/1999.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 47-70 and 208-270.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION. This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

6. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review(PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. 11.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 26 October 1998, which has been approved by the examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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Joe H. Cheng
Primary Examiner
Art Unit: 3713

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Michael S. Sherrill (applicant's attorney) on April 6, 2001.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-46 and 71-207.

Claim 49, line 3, change "the solid-diaper signal" to --sequential soiled-diaper signals--

Claim 50, line 3, change "signal," to --signal from a user,--.

Claim 69, lines 3 and 4, delete ", with a statistical preference for a time interval between approximately 2 and approximately 4 hours".

Claim 209, line 8, change "received," to --received from a user;--;

line 14, change "means;" to --means from a user; and--;

line 23, after "period;" insert --and--.

Claim 212, line 3, change "signal wherein" to --signal from a user, wherein--.

Claim 236, line 5, change "signal;" to --signal during the demand episode;--;

line 8, change "signal;" to --signal provided by a user--;

line 14, change "increase." to --increase, wherein the duration of the demand episode is measured from initial generation of the perceptible demand signal to receipt of the satisfaction signal by the satisfaction signal receiving means. --

Claim 237, line 3, change "signal;" to --signal from a user;--.

Claim 254, line 7, change "signal;" to --signal from a user;--;

line 10, change "signal wherein" to --signal from a user, wherein--.

Claim 255, line 6, change "signal;" to --signal from a user;--;

line 12, change "signal wherein" to --signal from a user, wherein--.

Claim 261, line 2, after "doll;" insert --and--;

line 5, change "generating a" to --generating sequential--;

line 8, change "signal;" to --signal from a user;--;

line 21, after "period;" insert --and--.

Claim 270, lines 10-13, change "an orientation sensitive means effective for transmitting the diaper-changed signal to the soiled-diaper signal arresting means when oriented relative to the doll in accordance with the orientation achieved by fitting the diaper on the doll." to --a

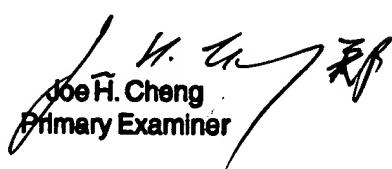
means effective for transmitting the diaper-changed signal to the soiled-diaper signal arresting means when the diaper is fitted on the doll. --

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joe H. Cheng whose telephone number is (703)308-2667. The examiner can normally be reached on Tue. - Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on (703)308-4119. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)305-3579 for regular communications and (703)305-3579 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148.

Joe H. Cheng
April 6, 2001


Joe H. Cheng
Primary Examiner